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TAMPA CAREER CRIMINAL GETS LIFE SENTENCE FOR DEALING CRACK COCAINE

Tampa, FL - On November 1, 2007, United States District Judge James Moody sentenced TONY JEROME HENRY, age 35, of Tampa, to a term of life imprisonment. A jury convicted HENRY and three others on July 27, 2007, for conspiracy to possess crack cocaine with intent to distribute, as well as distribution of crack cocaine. The other defendants convicted in this case are scheduled to be sentenced next week.

At the time of his arrest, HENRY had previously been convicted of numerous state felony drug offenses. Evidence presented at trial proved Henry had operated two different crack houses in the Progress Village area of Tampa between 1999 and 2006. In addition, during the sentencing hearing, Judge Moody determined that HENRY was a leader and organizer in the drug conspiracy.

The case was investigated by the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Colleen Murphy Davis of the Tampa Division.